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**TACTICAL INTERROGATION REPORT:**

**REPORT NUMBER (U):** 1.4a

**REPORT DATE (DOI) (U):** 5 MAY 07

**REPORTING UNIT (U):** 1.4a

**COUNTRY (U):** IRAQ (IZ), IRAN (IR)

**SOURCE PARAGRAPH (~~S//REL to USA and MCFI~~):** 1.4c

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**SUMMARY (~~S//REL to USA and MCFI~~):**

- THE SIXTY-EIGHTH INTERROGATION OF N1228A
- DETAINEE DID NOT PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON HIS FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES.
- DETAINEE DISCUSSED IRAN'S STRATEGIC INITIATIVE TO CONTROL IRAQ AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO COUNTERACT IT
- DETAINEE PROVIDED INFORMATION ON AHMAD AL-SHAYBANI, WHO IS REPORTEDLY UNDER CONSIDERATION TO REPLACE DETAINEE IN THE SADR TREND'S SPECIAL GROUPS

**TEXT (~~S//REL to USA and MCFI~~):**

**1. BIOGRAPHICAL DATA (~~S//REL TO USA AND MCFI~~):**

**GIVEN NAME:** QAYIS

**FATHER'S GIVEN NAME:** HADI

**GRANDFATHER'S GIVEN NAME:** SA'ID

**CLAN NAME:** NONE

**TRIBAL NAME:** AL-KHAZ'ALI

**ALIAS:** NONE

**EYE COLOR:** BROWN

**HAIR COLOR:** BLACK

**HEIGHT:** 5 FEET EIGHT INCHES

**WEIGHT:** 160 LBS

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES:** IRREGULAR SHAPED PORTWINE BIRTHMARK, LEFT FRONT SHOULDER, ARMPIT AREA.

**ADDRESS:** AL-SALAH NEIGHBORHOOD, IN THE VICINITY OF AL-SALAH MOSQUE, KUFA, IRAQ.

**PHONE NUMBER:** NONE

**MOBILE NUMBER:** CLAIMS TO HAVE LOST HIS CELLULAR TELEPHONE SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO CAPTURE.

**POB:** BAGHDAD, IZ

**DOB:** 24 APRIL 1974

**MARITAL STATUS:** DIVORCED

**NATIONALITY:** IRAQI



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**RELIGION:** SHI'A/ISLAM

**EDUCATION:** ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, 1995-PRESENT, THE SHI'A HAWZA RELIGIOUS TRAINING INSTITUTE IN AL-NAJAF, IZ.

**LANGUAGES (PROFICIENCY):** ARABIC (NATIVE), ENGLISH (ABLE TO SPEAK HALTINGLY).

**MOSQUE:** NONE

**IMAM:** NONE

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** PAID HIS WAY OUT OF THE IRAQI ARMY IN 1997 FOR 1.5 MILLION IRAQI DINAR.

**SPECIAL SKILLS:** NONE

**OCCUPATION:** POLITICIAN

**MEDICAL (U):** CLEARED FOR DETENTION / INTERROGATION / LAST CHECK UP: 5 MAY 07

**DETAINEE NUMBER:** N1228A

**FATHER:** HADI SA'ID AL-KHAZ'ALI

**MOTHER:** WOULD NOT ANSWER (WNA)

**BROTHERS:** WNA

**SISTERS:** WNA

**WIFE:** DIVORCED

**CHILDREN:** 1 BOY, AWAIS (6), 1 GIRL, MAIS (8). BOTH LIVE WITH THEIR MOTHER IN BAGHDAD, IZ.

## 2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF CAPTURE:

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**DTG OF CAPTURE:** 20 MAR 0300C 2007

**PLACE OF CAPTURE:** BASRAH, IZ.

**APPREHENDING UNIT:** 1.4a

**REASON FOR CAPTURE:** DETAINEE IS A SUSPECTED ANTI-IRAQI FORCES (AIF) GROUP LEADER, AND IS ASSOCIATED WITH WEAPONS SMUGGLING FROM IRAN, EXTRA JUDICIAL KILLING (EJK) ACTIVITY, AND INVOLVEMENT WITH THE ATTACK ON THE KARBALA PJCC.

**CURRENT LOCATION:** 1.4a

## ~~WEAPONS, DOCUMENTS AND EQUIPMENT (S//REL to USA and MCFI):~~

**INTERROGATOR:** 3.5c

**LANGUAGE USED:** ARABIC

**INTERPRETER (NATIVE DIALECT):** 3.5c

## ~~3. SUMMARY OF INTERROGATION / INTELLIGENCE GAINED (S//REL to USA and MCFI):~~

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1.4c DETAINEE REFUSED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT ABU DHAR OR ABU SALAM. DETAINEE REFUSES TO PROVIDE PERSONAL INFORMATION ON IRAQIS WHO ARE HIS FRIENDS OR WORK WITH HIM.

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DETAINEE UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS REFUSAL TO SACRIFICE HIS FRIENDS HAS PUT HIM AT A DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION, BUT HE WILL NOT BETRAY THEM.

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1.4c DETAINEE HAS PROVIDED, AND WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE, WHATEVER INFORMATION HE CAN ABOUT MUQTADA AL-SADR (MAS), 'ABBAS AL-KUFI, AND IRANIANS, WHO ARE WORKING AGAINST IRAQ AND WHOSE ELIMINATION WOULD BE AN ADVANTAGE FOR THE IRAQIS WITH RESPECT TO COUNTERACTING IRANIAN INFLUENCE.

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DISCUSSING INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK WITH THE DETAINEE WILL NOT IMPROVE IRAQ'S SECURITY SITUATION. DETAINEE'S GROUP IS NOT CONDUCTING ATTACKS IN HIS ABSENCE. EVEN IF IT HAS, THE CAPTURE OF PERSONNEL HE DISCUSSES WILL SIMPLY RESULT IN THEIR REPLACEMENT, AND WILL RISK THAT THE GROUP COMING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF WORSE PEOPLE.

DETAINEE ASKED FOR THE AMERICANS TO PUT FORWARD ALL THE CONDITIONS, ASSURANCES AND GUARANTEES THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR HIM TO WORK WITH COALITION FORCES. HE DOES NOT EXPECT COALITION FORCES TO SIMPLY BELIEVE HIS WORDS, BUT WANTS TO HAVE CONDITIONS THAT HE CAN SATISFY. HE PERSONALLY WILL REDUCE ATTACKS AGAINST COALITION FORCES IN IRAQ, AND WILL PROVIDE WHATEVER PROOF IS REQUESTED.

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1.4c THE GROUPS PRESENTLY WORKING AGAINST THE AMERICANS ARE MAS'S GROUPS, NOT DETAINEE'S. BECAUSE DETAINEE IS IN COALITION FORCES' CUSTODY, HIS GROUP WILL NOT LIKELY CONDUCT ATTACKS. 1.4c

1.4c CURRENT ATTACKS ARE CARRIED OUT BY JAYSH AL-MAHDI, WHICH IS ALMOST COMPLETELY UNDER MAS'S CONTROL. DETAINEE'S PERSONNEL RESPECT HIM A GREAT DEAL. 1.4c

1.4c 'ABBAS AL-KUFI WANTS TO PURGE THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE SPECIAL GROUPS WHO ARE LOYAL TO DETAINEE, AND 'ABBAS MAY BE IN THE PROCESS OF ELIMINATING THEM NOW. REMOVING DETAINEE'S FRIENDS WILL STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF MAS AND 'ABBAS AL-KUFI.

DETAINEE'S PROLONGED DETENTION IS PREVENTING HIM FROM USING HIS INFLUENCE TO LIMIT OVERALL VIOLENCE BY THE SADR TREND AGAINST THE AMERICANS. 1.4c

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AT PRESENT, ATTACKS ON AMERICAN FORCES AND THE PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY COALITION FORCES ARE MAJOR CONCERNS OF THE U.S. MOST IMPORTANT FOR THE AMERICANS, HOWEVER, IS IRAN'S STRATEGIC PROJECT FOR THE FUTURE OF IRAQ, THAT IS BEING PUT IN PLACE NOT JUST THROUGH ATTACKS, BUT THROUGH THE CONTROL OF SOCIAL ISSUES, POLITICS, RELIGIOUS ISSUES, EDUCATION, AND THE NATURE AND POPULARITY OF SHI'A ISLAM. IF LEFT UNCHECKED, IRAQ WILL BE DOMINATED BY PERSIANS/IRANIANS, WHO WILL SERVE AS THE DE FACTO GOVERNORS OF IRAQ. THE IRANIANS ARE CLEVER – KEEPING THE COALITION ENGAGED MILITARILY AGAINST INSURGENT GROUPS – WHILE SURREPTITIOUSLY WORKING ON A STRATEGIC EFFORT TO CONTROL IRAQ.

THE COMING PROJECT OF IRAN IN IRAQ IS TIED CLOSELY TO MAS. IRAN'S LONG TERM PLANS HAVE A DIMINISHING, BUT STILL NOTABLE, RELATION TO THE BADR CORPS. IRAN PREVIOUSLY FOCUSED ITS SUPPORT ON MUHAMMAD BAKR HAKIM, BUT THE BADR CORPS IS NOT AS STRONG AS THE SADR TREND – IT LACKS THE SADR TREND'S LARGE SIZE AND LONG TERM STAYING POWER. THE BADR CORPS WILL BECOME WEAKER AND WEAKER OVER THE PASSAGE OF TIME. MAS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THOUSANDS OF WARRIORS TO SUPPORT IRAN'S CAUSE. MAS WILL ALSO PROVIDE POLITICAL SUPPORT AND OTHER PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE IRANIANS AND THEIR OBJECTIVES.

THOUGH DETAINEE PREVIOUSLY ACCEPTED IRANIAN SUPPORT, HE NOW SQUARELY OPPOSES THE IRANIANS. DETAINEE IS COMPLETELY AGAINST

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MAS. NOW THAT MAS IS IN IRAN, IN A STRONGHOLD SURROUNDED BY IRANIANS, DETAINEE HAS TWO ENEMIES: IRAN AND MAS. DETAINEE IS A GRADUATE OF THE LATE MUHAMMAD AL-SADR'S SCHOOL, WHICH OPPOSES THE IRANIANS. THERE ARE VERY SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES BETWEEN SHI'A ISLAM IN IRAQ AND IRAN, INCLUDING THE LANGUAGE BARRIER, AND THE DISPUTE OVER WHETHER NAJAF OR QOM IS THE LEAD CITY OF SHI'A ISLAM.

DETAINEE WILL USE HIS PROMINENCE AND INFLUENCE TO OPPOSE THE IRANIANS. HE WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE SPECIAL GROUPS TO COUNTER IRANIAN ACTIVITIES.

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1.4c DETAINEE WILL STOP GROUPS FROM BEING USED FOR IRANIAN PURPOSES AND INTERESTS. DETAINEE HOPES TO WORK WITH THE AMERICANS IN ORDER TO COUNTERACT IRANIAN INFLUENCE.

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1.4c DETAINEE HAS A STRATEGY TO OPPOSE AN IRANIAN TAKE OVER OF IRAQ.

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1.4c DETAINEE DOES NOT HAVE A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH AHMAD AL-SHAYBANI, THOUGH DETAINEE DOES KNOW ABOUT HIM. IF AHMAD AL-SHAYBANI IS BEING CONSIDERED TO REPLACE DETAINEE, THE ORDER MUST HAVE COME DIRECTLY FROM MAS. HOWEVER, DETAINEE DOUBTS THAT SUCH A MEETING TOOK PLACE, FOR ALTHOUGH MAS HAS SUBSTANTIAL INFLUENCE WITH MUSTAFA AL-YAQUBI, MAS DOES NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO INFLUENCE AKRAM AL-KA'BI AND MUHAMMAD TABTABAN'I.

BECAUSE DETAINEE IS THE SECOND STRONGEST MEMBER OF THE SADR TREND, THE TREND WOULD NEED SOMEONE PUBLICLY WELL RECOGNIZED TO SUCCEED HIM. AHMAD AL-SHAYBANI DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT INFLUENCE TO REPLACE DETAINEE IN THE PAST, BUT SINCE AHMAD HAS BEEN DETAINED FOR A LONG TIME, THE PUBLIC'S PERCEPTION OF HIS SIGNIFICANT SACRIFICE HAS INCREASED HIS CREDIBILITY MARKEDLY.

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1.4c THE GENERAL FOCUS OF DISCUSSION AMONG THE IRAQI PUBLIC IS WHAT THE AMERICANS ARE DOING, AND PEOPLE LOOK ON INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DETAINED AS NATIONALISTS AND PATRIOTS WHO SERVE AND SACRIFICE FOR THEIR COUNTRY.

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MAS LIKELY SELECTED AHMAD AL-SHAYBANI TO REPLACE DETAINEE BECAUSE AHMAD IS LOYAL TO MAS. BY CONTRAST, AKRAM AND MUHAMMAD GENERALLY OPPOSE MAS, AND WILL NOT RECONCILE WITH HIM.

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AHMAD AL-SHAYBANI HAS A NUMBER OF QUALIFICATIONS OTHER THAN THE CREDIBILITY EARNED FROM A LENGTHY DETENTION. FIRST, DURING THE "NAJAF WAR," AHMAD SERVED AS THE OFFICIAL SPOKESPERSON FOR THE SADR TREND. SECOND, HE IS A TEACHER AT THE NAJAF AL-HAWZA. THIRD, HE SERVED AS AN ISLAMIC LAW JUDGE. FOURTH, HE WAS A POPULAR SPEAKER AT FRIDAY PRAYERS DURING THE TIME OF THE LATE MUHAMMAD AL-SADR.

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1.4c FIRST, DETAINEE'S ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE UNITED STATES ARE ROOTED IN HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. INSISTS ON STAYING IN IRAQ FOR A VERY LONG TIME AS AN INVADER. IF THE U.S. CONVINCES HIM THAT IT IS NOT HERE AS AN INVADER, THEN HIS HOSTILITIES WILL CEASE. SECOND, DETAINEE IS INTERESTED IN ACTING IN A WAY THAT WILL HELP THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ AS WELL AS THE SADR TREND. BY CONTRAST, MAS NEVER TRULY CARED FOR THE IRAQI PEOPLE.

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1.4c THIRD, DETAINEE WILL FULFILL WHATEVER CONDITIONS OR OBLIGATIONS THAT THE U.S. IMPOSES. DETAINEE WILL AGREE WITH THE PROPOSALS OF THE U.S. THAT WILL BENEFIT THE COUNTRY.

**INTERROGATION APPROACH / TECHNIQUES (S//REL to USA and MCFI):**

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**4. COMMENTS (S//REL to USA and MCFI):**

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SENIOR INTERROGATOR COMMENTS: NONE

5. POINTS OF CONTACT (U):

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**NOTE: ALL ARABIC SPELLINGS ARE IAW DI POLICY NO. 033, "SPELLING NAMES OF FOREIGN PERSONS IN DI PRODUCTS," DATED 02 DEC 03 AND DDCICM DIRECTIVE, "INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STANDARD FOR THE TRANSLITERATION OF ARABIC NAMES IN FINAL WRITTEN REPORTS AND PRODUCTS," DATED 04 JUN 03, IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 352 OF THE INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2003.**

PREP (U): 3.5c

AQC (U): BAGHDAD, IRAQ (2007/05/05)

ENCL (U): NONE

DISSEM (U): FIELD – NONE

WARNING (U): REPORT CLASSIFIED ~~SECRET // REL to USA and MCFI~~

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